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STRAND VIRUSES WITH  
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In accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of the Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below.

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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** are on page 7 of this paper.